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SUBJECT: GREEK DEMARCHES TO NATO PROVOKED BY STATEMENTS REPORTEDLY MADE BY LUNS

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1. ATHENS NEWS AGENCY MARCH 3 CITED INFORMED SOURCES AS BASIS OF REPORT THAT GOG HAD MADE THREE SUCCESSIVE DEMARCHES DURING PAST WEEK TO NATO HEADQUARTERS PROTESTING RECENT "UNACCEPTABLE" STATEMENTS BY SYG LUNS WHICH HE REPORTEDLY MADE DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO WASHINGTON. GOG OBJECTIONS EVIDENTLY RELATED TO (A) LUNS APPARENT SUGGESTIONS THAT NATO MIGHT HAVE A ROLE IN PROVIDING MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY (REFTEL A) AND (B) REMARKS BY LUNS WHICH APPEARED TO CAST FAVORABLE LIGHT ON LENIENCY RECENT GREEK MILITARY DICTATORSHIP.

2. LATTER COMMENTS (FIRST REPORTED FEBRUARY 28 TO VIMA) WERE REPORTEDLY MADE BY LUNS DURING MEETING WITH GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE OF STRATEGIC STUDIES. ACCORDING TO THIS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REPORT LUNS ALLEGEDLY SAID THAT WERE HE (LUNS) IN PLACE OF FORMER

PM PAPADOPOULOS, HE WOULD HAVE EXECUTED WOULD-BE ASSISSIN ALEXANDER PANAGOULIS (COMMENT: PANAGOULIS NOW A MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT REPRESENTING CENTER UNION/NEW FORCES).

3. IN COURSE OF PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE FEBRUARY 28 (REFTEL B), CENTER UNION/NEW FORCES LEADER MAVROS SUGGESTED THAT LUNS SHOULD NOT REMAIN IN CURRENT POSITION IF IN FACT HE MADE REMARKS ABOUT JUNTA ASCRIBED TO HIM. PASOK LEADER PAPANDREOU CHARACTERIZED LUNS AS HAVING ALWAYS BEEN "ENEMY OF PEOPLE OF GREECE." WEEKEND PRESS GAVE PROMINENT TREATMENT TO THESE PORTIONS PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE AND OTHER REFERENCE TO LUNS ACTIVITIES IN WASHINGTON IN SUPPORT OF RESTORATION U.S. MILITARY AID TO TURKEY. KUBISCH

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